THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b). Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Purchase of Chinese Fighter Planes by Pakistan

2635. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the purchase of 350 to 400 Chinese fighter planes by Pakistan, which is an improved Beijing version of the Soviet MIG 21, so as to augment and to strengthen its air force;

(b) if so, in what manner these fighter planes compare with the Indian Air Force fighter planes in terms of technology, performance and striking power;

(c) to what extent the striking power of Pak Air Force is likely to be strengthened as a consequence thereof, as compared to Indian Air Force squadrons; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government to keep a balance in the striking air power with Pak Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Government has seen press reports regarding Pakistan's purported interest in the acquisition of Chinese F-7M fighter planes.

(b) and (c) The performance of this fighter is stated to be similar to MIG-21 aircraft in the Indian Air Force. These aircraft are reportedly intended to replace the F-6 fleet in the Pakistan Air Force; and could be used primarily for air defence.

(d) Government is taking appropriate measures in this regard.

High production cost of Dornier 228 Aircraft in India

2636. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present cost of the HAL built Dornier 228 aircraft; and

(b) what is the international price of this aircraft and what are the reasons for its high production cost in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The present price of the HAL built basic Dornier 228 aircraft is approximately Rs. 3.65 crores, exclusive of statutory levies and taxes, while the international price of the similar aircraft works out to approximately Rs. 4.57 crores. The price of the indigenously built aircraft is thus comparable to the international price of the similar aircraft.

दर्शकों पर विज्ञापनों का प्रभाव

2637. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या **सूचना और प्रसारण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दूरदर्शन पर दिखाए जाने वाले विज्ञापनों से लोगों में उच्च स्तरीय जीवन जीने की ललक पैदा होने की संभावनाओं के खतरे के संबंध में जानकारी है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो क्या सरकार इन विज्ञापनों की पुनरीक्षा करने के लिए कोई संसदीय समिति नियुक्त करने का विचार रखती है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) और (ख) दूरदर्शन इस समय अपने कुल प्रेषण समय का 5 प्रतिशत समय वाणिज्यिक विज्ञापनों को टेलीकास्ट करने के लिए देता है । इससे दर्शकों पर कोई

प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ने की संभावना नहीं है । तथापि, विज्ञापनों के प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन करने के अध्ययन करने की परिकल्पना है ।

तस्करी की मारफत किये जाने वाले व्यापार का अनुमानित मूल्य

2638. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक** : क्या **प्रधान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत एक वर्ष के दौरान देश में तस्करों द्वारा कुल कितने रूपये का अनुमानित व्यापार हुआ है ; और

(ख) इससे देश के उद्योगों, विशेषकर टैक्सटाइल उद्योग पर क्या प्रभाव पड़ा है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) चूंकि तस्करी चोरी–छिपे किया जाने वाला धन्धा है, इसलिए, देश में तस्करी के द्वारा लाए गए माल के मूल्य के बारे में कोई यथोचित अनुमान लगा पाना संभव नहीं है । तथापि, वर्ष 1984, 1985 तथा 1986 के दौरान पूरे देश में सीमा–शुल्क अधिनियम के तहत पकड़े गए निषिद्ध माल का कुल मूल्य नीचे दिया गया है :—

वर्ष	मूल्य (करोड़ रुपयों में)
1984 . .	101.09
1985 . .	195.63
1986 . .	216.99

(ख) टैक्सटाइल सहित, निषिद्ध माल को भारत में तस्करी द्वारा लाने का निःसंदेह समग्र रूप से देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ता है ।

Harassment by Customs to West German Contingent for World Table Tennis Championship

2639. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West German contingent for the World Table Tennis Championship, which visited India in the second week of February, 1987 was put to a lot of difficulty by refusal of customs authorities to clear canned food stuffs it had brought; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to ensure that such incidents are not repeated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Food-stuff and other articles imported by West German contingent were cleared free of duty by the Customs authorities within a day as soon as the Customs formalities for clearance of the goods were completed.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Identification of sick units by commercial Banks

2640. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick units among large, medium and small scale industries identified by Commercial Banks during the year ending December, 1986;

(b) the number of those that have been placed under nursing programme after carrying out viability studies and the number of them that have been rehabilitated so far; and

(c) whether any study has been undertaken to see if the units which continue to be sick despite assistance had in fact used the assistance for the purpose for which it was meant?